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## **SUPERVISOR JURSIK STATEMENT ON TEMPLE SHOOTING**

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Supervisor Patricia Jursik issued the following statement regarding Sunday's tragedy in Oak Creek:

"It is with great sadness that the South Shore communities react to the unbelievable news of yesterday's senseless killing at the Sikh Temple in Oak Creek. Just last August, I joined with Wisconsin's Indo American community (including many Sikh members) in South Milwaukee to celebrate India's Independence Day. At this event, we welcomed the Consul General of India for the Midwest region, Mrs. Mukta Dutta Tomar, and commemorated both the 64th anniversary of India's Independence and the 82<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a student of the great Indian leader, Mohandas Gandhi. Both of these men, one American and one Indian, taught peace and love as the primary message of human response.

"On behalf of our South Shore communities, we all send our prayers and support to the victims of this tragedy. Together, we must redouble our efforts to honor the teachings of King and Gandhi. No act of violence will ever drive our communities to imitate such acts of hate and intolerance that were exhibited yesterday. Milwaukee County will work with the Sikh community to offer our assistance during this time of sadness and suffering. As a representative of both Cudahy and Oak Creek, know that both communities condemn this heinous act and reaffirm our commitment to human acts of love, tolerance and teaching the value of diversity in this great country built on the talents of many immigrants."

*Milwaukee County Supervisor Patricia Jursik represents the 8<sup>th</sup> Supervisory District, comprised of St. Francis, Cudahy, South Milwaukee and parts of Oak Creek.*

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